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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7652

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EO 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: PINT, CH

SUBJ: LI FU-CHUN'S APPARENT PLANNING ERROR

1. YALE PROFESSOR THOMAS BERNSTEIN TOLD CONGEN OFF JULY 23 THAT ACCORDING TO A REFUGEE HE INTERVIEWED HERE, FORMER STATE PLANNING CHIEF LI FU-CHUN APOLOGIZED LATE LAST YEAR FOR OVERESTIMATING THE PRC'S INDUSTRIAL SECTOR GROWTH RATE. LI SAID HIS MISCALCULATION HAD CAUSED TOO MUCH MANPOWER TO BE ASSIGNED TO FACTORY, AS OPPOSED TO RURAL, JOBS. THE APOLOGY WAS READ TO INDUSTRIAL WORKERS IN CANTON PRIOR TO THE REFUGEE'S FEBRUARY DEPARTURE FROM CHINA.

2. BERNSTEIN'S REPORT, THE FIRST WE HAVE HEARD OF A LI FU-CHUN APOLOGY, ADDS TO OTHER INDICATIONS THAT THE REGIME DECIDED IN LATE 1972 TO SHIFT MORE MANPOWER OUT OF URBAN AREAS AND INTO AGRICULTURE. LETTERS WRITTEN IN EARLY 1973 REFERRED TO A CENTRAL DIRECTIVE FREEZING FACTORY ASSIGNMENTS (WR 17), AND IN MARCH, CONFIDENTIAL

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ANHWEI SIGNED THAT 1973 ASSIGNMENTS OF YOUTH TO THE

COUNTRYSIDE WOULD BE AT LEAST DOUBLE OVER LAST YEAR (WR 11).  
IF LI DID MISCALCULATE, IT WOULD ALSO EXPLAIN WHY HE WAS REPLACED  
AS STATE PLANNING CHIEF LAST OCTOBER (BY YU CHIU-LI; 1972 WR 42).  
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